

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claims 15 and 16. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 15 and 16.

Claim 15 stands objected to under 37 CFR §1.75 being that the Examiner alleges that the claim contains an informality in line 2 thereof. Amendments were made to claim 15, particularly line 2 to correct the informality noted by the Examiner. Therefore, this objection is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Claims 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention. Various amendments were made throughout claims 15 and 16 to bring them into conformity with the requirements of 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Therefore, Applicants submit that this rejection is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Specifically, amendments were made to claims 15 and 16 to overcome the objections noted by the Examiner in paragraph 2 of the Office Action.

The Examiner's cooperation is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' Attorney by telephone should any further indefinite matter be discovered so that appropriate amendments may be made.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Office Action that claims 15 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejection and the objection to claim 15 under 37 CFR §1.75. As indicated above, amendments were made to the claims to overcome the 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejection and to correct the

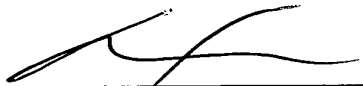
informalities so as to overcome the objection under 37 CFR §1.75. Therefore, claims 15 and 16 are allowable as indicated by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 15 and 16 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 15 and 16 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (500.25179CP5).

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